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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9047

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 5241

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CO

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN COLOMBIA IS CALM

REF: BOGOTA 5211

1. A STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IN BOGOTA ON JUNE 9 WAS CARRIED OUT PEACEFULLY AND BY 5 PM NO INCIDENTS HAD BEEN REPORTED. FROM 4-5,000 STUDENTS WERE INVOLVED. CALI AND MEDELLIN WERE ALSO REPORTED CALM, EXCEPT FOR A STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IN MEDELLIN, IN WHICH THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE WAS STONED.

2. LARGE CONTINGENTS OF TROOPS WERE EVIDENT ON THE STREETS OF BOGOTA. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A STATE OF SIEGE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE, MAY BE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PEACEFUL MARCH OF EVENTS. IN ADDITION MANY STUDENTS APPEAR MORE INTERESTED IN FINISHING THE ACADEMIC YEAR THAN IN DEMONSTRATING.

3. THE LACK OF VIOLENCE AUGURS WELL FOR A CONTINUANCE OF NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE REMAINING TWO DAYS OF THE ANNOUNCED PERIOD OF AGITATION. HOWEVER, THE MAIN CUASES FOR THE DISPUTE (UNIVERSITY CONTROL OF SAN JUAN DE DIOS HOSPITAL AND THE FIRING OF RECTOR PEREZ) REMAIN UNSETTLED.

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4. IN AN INTERESTING OBSERVATION CONSERVATICW PARTY

LEADER SENATOR EMILIANI TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THE
CONSERVATIVE PARTY DID NOT ADVOCATE A STATE OF SIEGE
BUT WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A MOVE IF THE PRESIDENT
DEEMED IT NECESSARY.
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